



Class Agents Letter

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"55 for '66"

BIG BASH JUNE 4-6, 2021 MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Dear Men of '66,

Next June at Big Bash 2021 we will celebrate our 55th reunion--55 years since we walked across the stage and received our diplomas from Warren "Butch" Shearer, Acting President of Wabash! How can that be? The College is unsure at this time exactly how Big Bash will be conducted, but they have said it will be in person or virtual, or a combination of both. It all depends on how things progress with the pandemic. Regardless, we will celebrate "55 for '66" and we hope you will mark your calendar now to participate in this historic event for our class.

Dr. John Roberts '83, College doctor, recently advised that in the last two weeks there have not been any positive Covid tests on the campus, and they randomly test 90 students each Tuesday. The College has done a remarkable job of opening the College and keeping it open during these very trying times. President Scott Feller and his administration are certainly to be congratulated for doing what many other colleges have been unable to do. But WE ARE WABASH and we are different!

Olmy Olmstead '04, offensive line coach in football, called and we had a long conversation. Olmy is on the Health Committee overseeing the pandemic strategies, testing, monitoring and follow-up. When the football coaches knew that all athletics for the NCAC Conference had been cancelled through 12/31, each position coach called all of their respective players and spoke with them about their options to continue their football careers. Out of 110 returning players, only four of them decided to stay out of school to retain another year of eligibility. Olmy said that there were only two responses from the other 106 players: 1.) I have been STUCK at home since March with my parents, and I need to get out of the house, and 2.) I can't imagine NOT BEING AT WABASH if the College is in session. The forty-seven freshman football recruits all showed up for the start of their Wabash careers knowing there would not be any football this year. It certainly appears that our coaches are recruiting the right type of young men to attend Wabash.

Charlie Bell is hosting a monthly high school zoom reunion for our class of '62 at St. Charles HS, St. Charles, IL and he ensures that everyone has a chance to participate and advise where they have been, what they have done and recall fond memories of high school. Some of you may wish to try this!

John Flanagan is in regular touch and sends some really terrific and profound emails as well as some that are quite humorous. John has no plans of retiring and says he just enjoys going to work each day. That is not really a surprise as he used to just "love" his studies at Wabash!



I have been in contact with Dave Krattebol and Jim Roeder as they live in Northern California that has been so devastated by the wildfires. Both advise that they and their families are OK but are dealing with the smoke and pollution from these fires. Dave resides in Pleasanton in the East Bay area outside of San Francisco, and Jim resides in Auburn, CA.

Bill Summers sends a "Cloud of the Day" email-beautiful pictures of cloud formations from around the world that remind us of the beauty of nature. Thank you, Bill, for your thoughtfulness.

Jay and I would certainly like to hear from more of you and particularly if you have ideas how to celebrate "55 for '66." If you have contacts for hats, T-shirts, etc. please let us know, but please keep in touch and help us with this historic reunion for THE CLASS OF WABASH!

"These fleeting years..."

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